



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT TALIAH M. WILKERSON

Chief Master Sgt. Taliah Wilkerson is the Senior Enlisted Leader for the Defense Health Agency's Medical Education and Training Campus (METC) located on Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Chief Wilkerson is the primary enlisted adviser to the Commandant of the Department of Defense's largest allied healthcare campus entrusted with training the world's finest enlisted medical professionals. She assists in leading, planning and directing over 1,320 Army, Navy, Air Force, and civilian faculty and staff responsible for directly or indirectly supporting the training requirements within 48 programs of instruction for approximately 16,500 students per year.

Prior to arriving at METC, Chief Wilkerson served as the Aerospace Medical Service and Surgical Service Career Field Manager, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Falls Church, Virginia.



Chief Wilkerson entered the Air Force in June 1995. She graduated from the Medical Services Apprentice Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in December 1995. Her background includes various duties in health care which include Emergency, Inpatient, and Outpatient settings. Her assignments include bases in Virginia, Azores, Hawaii, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Sergeant Wilkerson has diverse deployed experiences supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and Operation NEW DAWN.

### EDUCATION

- 2001 Airman Leadership School, Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal
- 2001 Associate Degree, Allied Health Sciences, Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2008 Associate Degree, Applied Sciences, Okaloosa Walton College, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
- 2009 USAF Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell-Gunter AFB, AL
- 2010 Senior Non-commissioned Officer Academy, Correspondence
- 2010 USAF Joint Service SNCO PME, Correspondence
- 2013 Bachelor of Science, Sports and Health Science, American Military University, WV
- 2015 Coast Guard, Chief Petty Officer Academy, Petulama, CA
- 2017 Intermediate Executive Skills, San Antonio, Texas
- 2020 Joint Medical Executive Skills, Falls Church, VA

### ASSIGNMENTS

1. Feb 1996 – Feb 1999, Medical Service Apprentice, Obstetrics Unit, Langley AFB, VA
2. Feb 1999 – Feb 2000, Medical Service Journeyman, Special Care Unit, Langley AFB, VA
3. Feb 2000 – Dec 2000, Medical Service Journeyman, Emergency Department, Langley AFB, VA
4. Dec 2000 – Mar 2002, Medical Service Journeyman, Ambulance Services, Lajes Field, Azores
5. Mar 2002 – Apr 2003, Aerospace Medical Services, Family Practice, Hickam AFB, HI
6. Apr 2003 – Apr 2004, Aerospace Medical Services, Ambulance Services, Hickam AFB, HI
7. Apr 2004 – Jul 2005, NCOIC, Clinical Medicine Flight, Hickam AFB, HI
8. Aug 2005 – Sep 2008, NCOIC, Physical Exams Element, Hurlburt Field, FL

9. Sep 2008 – Jul 2010, NCOIC, Crew Management Element, 43 AES, Pope Air Force Base, NC
10. Jul 2010 – Nov 2011, NCOIC, Education & Training, 43 AES, Pope Air Force Base, NC
11. Nov 2011– Oct 2012, NCOIC, Medical Aircrew Standardization/Evaluation, 440th OG, Pope AAF, NC
12. Oct 2012- Jun 2014, Interim Squadron Superintendent, 20th Medical Operations Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC
13. Jun 2014 - Jun 2016, Flight Chief, Family Health, 20<sup>th</sup> Medical Operations Squadron, Shaw AFB, SC
14. Jun 2016 - Jun 2020, Aerospace Medical Service 4N Force Manager, Air Force Medical Support Agency, Falls Church, VA
15. Jun 2020 – May 2023, Aerospace Medical Service and Surgical Service Career Field Manager, Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, Falls Church, VA
16. Jun 2023 - Present, Medical Education and Training Campus, Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, TX

## **OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS**

1. 2009, IRAQI/ENDURING FREEDOM, Ramstein AB, GE
2. 2011, ENDURING FREEDOM/NEW DAWN, Camp Bastion/Leatherneck, Afghanistan
3. 2013, ENDURING FREEDOM, Bagram AB, Afghanistan

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
 Joint Service Commendation Medal  
 Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
 Air Force Achievement Medal  
 Air Force Combat Action Medal  
 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device  
 Air Force Recognition Award  
 Combat Readiness Medal  
 AF Good Conduct Medal with six oak leaf clusters  
 National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal  
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border  
 NATO Medal  
 Legion of Merit

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS**

2001 65TH ABW Airman of the Year  
 2004 15<sup>th</sup> MDG Professional Performer Team Award  
 2007 1 SOMDG NCO of the Year  
 2007 AFSOC Olsen/Wagner Outstanding Aerospace Medicine NCO of the Year  
 2008 AFSOC Team Quality Award  
 2010 43 ALW NCO of the Qtr/3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr  
 2010 AF Aeromedical Evacuation Technician NCO of the Year  
 2014 20<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Senior NCO of the Year  
 2015 Coast Guard Academy, Altus Tendo Award  
 2016 AFMSA, SNCO of the Qtr/4<sup>th</sup>Qtr

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Airman Basic	Jun 28, 1995
Airman	Dec 28, 1995
Airman First Class	Oct 28, 1996
Senior Airman	Jun 28, 1998
Staff Sergeant	Oct 1, 2001
Technical Sergeant	Feb 1, 2007
Master Sergeant	Jan 1, 2012
Senior Master Sergeant	Sept 1, 2016
Chief Master Sergeant	May 1, 2020